

CHAPTER 2.1.9.

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**Protecting animals from Culicoides attack**

Strategies to protect animals from Culicoides attack during transport through an infected country or zone should take into account the local ecology of the vector.

Potential risk management strategies include:

- = treating animals with chemical repellents prior to and during transportation;
- = loading, transporting and unloading animals during daylight hours, avoiding dawn and dusk;
- = ensuring vehicles do not stop en route during dawn or dusk, or overnight, unless the animals are held behind insect proof netting;
- = darkening the interior of the vehicle for example by covering the roof and/or sides of vehicles with shade cloth;
- = monitoring for vectors at common stopping and offloading points to gain information on seasonal variations;
- = using historical, ongoing and/or BTV modeling information to identify low risk ports and transport routes.

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